

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

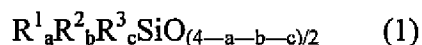
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

**Listing of Claims:**

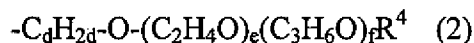
1. (Currently Amended) [[An]] A method of conditioning hair, said method comprising a step of applying an organopolysiloxane hair treatment composition to said hair;

wherein said organopolysiloxane hair treatment composition ~~comprising~~ comprises:

a hair treatment agent (A) represented by the following formula (1),



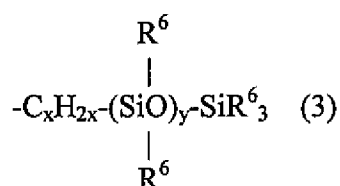
wherein  $R^1$  is an organic group selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, alicyclic groups, aryl groups, aralkyl groups, fluorinated alkyl groups and an organic group represented by following formula (2),



wherein  $R^4$  is an alkyl group having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, provided that, when  $d=e=f=0$ , said alkyl group has 7 to 30 carbon atoms, or an organic group represented by the formula,  $R^5 - (CO)-$ , wherein  $R^5$  is an alkyl group having 1 to 30 carbon atoms,

$R^2$  is a group having at least one hydroxyl group or alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, said  $R^2$  is bonded to a silicon atom in the formula (1) directly or via at least a silicon atom,

$R^3$  is a silicone compound residue represented by the following formula (3),



wherein  $R^6$  is a group selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, alicyclic groups, aryl groups, aralkyl groups, and fluorinated alkyl groups, ~~[[if]]~~ wherein when two or more of the ~~[[group]]~~ groups  $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5$  or  $R^6$ , respectively, are present in a molecule, such ~~group may be~~ are the same with or different from each other,

a, b and c each is a number with  $1.0 \leq a \leq 2.5$ ,  $0.001 \leq b \leq 1.5$ , and  $0.001 \leq c \leq 1.5$ ,

d, e and f each is an integer with  $0 \leq d \leq 15$ ,  $0 \leq e \leq 50$ , and  $0 \leq f \leq 50$ ,

x is an integer with  $1 \leq x \leq 5$ , and

y is an integer with  $0 \leq y \leq 500$ .  ~~$0 \leq y \leq 500$ ; and~~

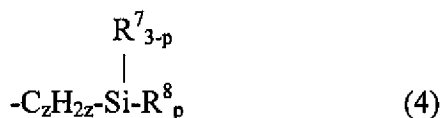
~~at least one additional ingredient suitable for application to hair, said composition being in the form of liquid, milky lotion, cream, solid, paste, gel, multilayer, mousse, spray or stick.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~hair treatment composition~~ method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~hair treatment agent~~ organopolysiloxane of formula (1) has a weight average molecular weight of from 300 to 100,000.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~hair treatment composition~~ method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluorinated alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or a group represented by the formula, -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O-1-(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)<sub>f</sub>R<sup>4</sup>, wherein R<sup>4</sup> is an alkyl group having 7 to 30 carbon atoms and f is an integer with 0 ≤ f ≤ 50,

R<sup>2</sup> is an organic group represented by the following formula (4),



wherein R<sup>7</sup> is a group selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, alicyclic groups, aryl groups, aralkyl groups and fluorinated alkyl groups, R<sup>8</sup> is a hydroxyl group or an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, z is an integer of from 1 to 5, and p is an integer of from 1 to 3,

in the formula (3), R<sup>6</sup> is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, x is 2, and y is an integer of from 1 to 15, and

a, b and c each is a number with 1.2 ≤ a ≤ 2.3, 0.05 ≤ b ≤ 1.0, and 0.05 ≤ c ≤ 1.0.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A two-component hair cosmetic kit composed of a first component of an ingredient which is~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises, prior to the step of application of the organopolysiloxane hair treatment composition, steps of:

applying to the hair a second composition comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of amino-modified silicones, amino acid-modified silicones, and carboxyl-modified silicones, and a second component which is the hair treatment composition according to claim 1.  
washing the hair with water.

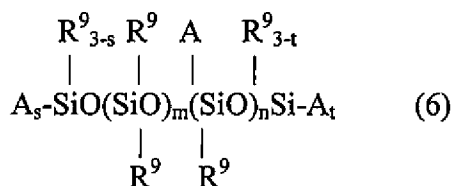
6. (Currently Amended) ~~A three-component hair cosmetic kit composed of the two-component hair cosmetic kit according to claim 5 and~~ The method according to claim 5, wherein the method further comprises, after the step of application of the organopolysiloxane hair treatment composition, a step of:

applying to the hair a third composition comprising an amino-modified silicone, as the third component.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The cosmetic method~~ method according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the amino-modified silicone is at least one selected from the group consisting of silicones having an amino group grafted to a silicone backbone, silicones having an amino group bonded to either one end of a silicone backbone, silicones having amino groups bonded to both ends of a silicone

backbone, silicones having amino groups bonded to both ends of a silicone backbone and an amino group grafted to the silicone backbone, and silicones having a silicone chain and an amino group both grafted to a silicone backbone.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~cosmetic~~ method according to claim 7, wherein the amino-modified silicone is represented by the following formula (6),



wherein A is  $-R^{10}NH_2$  or  $-R^{10}NHR^{11}NH_2$ , wherein  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  are alkylene groups having 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

$R^9$  ~~may be~~ is the same with or different from each other and is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, alicyclic groups, aryl groups, aralkyl groups, and fluorinated alkyl groups,

m and n ~~may be~~ are the same with and different from each other and are integers of from 0 to 300, and s and t ~~may be~~ are the same with or different from each other and are integers of from 0 to 3 with  $1 \leq n+s+t$ .

9-28. **(Canceled)**

29. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said organopolysiloxane hair treatment composition is in the form of a liquid, milky lotion, cream, solid, paste, gel, multilayer, mousse, spray or stick.